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Patrons of Two Charlotte-Area Restaurants Possibly Exposed to Hepatitis A – Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Recommended

Summary

On February 19, 2013, the Mecklenburg County (NC) Health Department [issued a Health Alert](#) advising persons who ate at two Charlotte area restaurants in early February 2013 of their possible exposure to Hepatitis A virus (HAV). An employee of both restaurants/bars has been confirmed as having hepatitis A.

Persons who may have been exposed include:

- Patrons of the Hooters Restaurant off Bruton Smith Blvd in Concord, NC (address 7702 Gateway Lane NW), who dined February 7 or 8, between 10:30 AM and 5 PM.
- Patrons of the Whiskey Warehouse in Charlotte (address 1221 The Plaza), who ate or drank during any of the following times:
 - February 6, between 5:30 and 7:30 PM,
 - February 9, between 4:30 PM and 3:30 AM, or
 - February 13, between 7 and 8:30 PM.

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

Persons who have had a hepatitis A infection, or who have received one dose of hepatitis A vaccine, are protected from the virus and do not need to take action.

Persons who report eating or drinking at the above named restaurants during the times listed, and who are not protected against Hepatitis A virus, should receive either:

- Hepatitis A vaccine, if 12 months through 40 years of age, or
- Hepatitis A immune globulin (IG), if chronically ill or over 40 years of age.

These should be received within 14 days of last exposure.

Sources for Vaccine/Immune Globulin

Direct exposed persons to contact the health department in either Rock Hill or Lancaster to set up an appointment for vaccine or IG. Immune globulin may need to be ordered, so prompt referral is advised.

- Rock Hill Public Health Department (York County): 803-909-7300
- Lancaster County Public Health Department: 803-286-9948

Follow-up/Counseling

- For more information on HAV testing, diagnosis, and vaccination please refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/vaccine.htm#a1>
- Exposed persons should practice good hand washing since this virus is spread by the fecal-oral route and infection can be asymptomatic.
- Report any suspected cases of Hepatitis A to SC DHEC, using the numbers provided in this health advisory.

DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements

Reporting of Hepatitis A is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2013 List of Reportable Conditions available at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/reportables.htm>

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

Regional Public Health Offices – 2013

Mail or call reports to the Epidemiology Office in each Public Health Region.

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